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The reply brief filed 1/6/05 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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Acknowledgment of Reply Brief

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Conclusion

The examiner will have a new telephone number (571-272-6716) effective April 14, 2005. The examiner's old telephone number (703-308-3402) will remain active until June 14, 2005. Similarly, the telephone number for the examiner's supervisor (Eric Stamber) will change from 703-305-8469 to 571-272-6724.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey D. Carlson whose telephone number is 703-308-3402. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-6p, (off on alternate Fridays).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on 703-305-8469. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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